



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

**BRIEFING: JULY 2010 BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA ITEM #15**

**TO:** Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

**FROM:** Jeffrey M. Barker, Deputy Director

**DATE:** June 30, 2010

**RE:** Gateway Cities Council of Governments

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**Summary**

This information item will provide the Board an opportunity to hear from the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, a significant and important partner to the high-speed train project in both the Los Angeles to Anaheim and Los Angeles to San Diego via the Inland Empire system sections. The COG and the Authority also are signatories to a Memorandum of Understanding by which the Authority's contractors assist the COG in studying and commenting on preliminary engineering and environmental review documents.

**Background**

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments consists of the cities essentially between Los Angeles and Orange County – south of Los Angeles and down through Long Beach. (The 27 cities represented are: Artesia, Avalon, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier; as well as unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles.)

A number of the member cities would be directly affected by the alignments being studied for the high-speed train line between Los Angeles and Anaheim. Those cities are La Mirada, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, Montebello, Commerce, and Vernon.

In February 2010, the Authority entered into an MOU with the COG "for coordination and technical analysis for the proposed high-speed passenger rail corridor through Los Angeles County."

**Attachments**

- ✓ MOU between the High-Speed Rail Authority and Gateway Cities
- ✓ MOU Implementation Plan
- ✓ MOU Scope of Work
- ✓ April 26, 2010 letter from Gateway COG to Authority

